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AMERICAN FOLKLIFE CENTER AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEARS 1987, 1988, AND 1989

AUGUST 15, 1986.— Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Ms. OAKAR, from the Committee on House Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 4545]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on House Administration, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4545) to authorize appropriations for the American Folklife Center for fiscal years 1987, 1988, and 1989, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendments (stated in terms of the page and line numbers of the introduced bill) are as follows:

On page 1, Line 8, strike "$929,710" and insert in lieu thereof "$867,900".

On page 1, Line 9, strike "$988,500" and insert in lieu thereof "$919,974".

On page 2, Line 1, strike "$1,062,900" and insert in lieu thereof "$975,172".

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 4545 was introduced by Ms. Oakar on April 9, 1986, and was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

At a hearing to consider H.R. 4545 on June 24, 1986, the Committee's Task Force on Libraries and Memorials received testimony from Members of Congress, the Librarian of Congress, academians, and public witnesses.

On August 7, 1986, Representative Mary Rose Oakar, chair of the Task Force on Libraries and Memorials, offered the Task Force's recommendation to the Committee on House Administration, that

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H.R. 4545 be approved, as amended. With a quorum present, the Committee favorably reported the bill, as amended, by voice vote.

PURPOSE

H.R. 4545, as amended, extends the authorization for the American Folklife Center for three years. The authorization for fiscal 1987 is $867,900, for fiscal 1988 is $919,974, and for fiscal 1989 is $975,172. The authorization for fiscal year 1986 was $867,898 and the appropriation, post Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, was $856,860.

SUMMARY

The American Folklife Center was created in 1976 at the Library of Congress with a broad mandate to "preserve and present American folklife." The Center both incorporates and expands the historic mission of the Library's Archive of Folk Culture, which since 1928 has provided national leadership in documenting and preserving American folk music and folklore.

The Center serves both the Congress and the public, and its work with a national network of folklorists and other cultural specialists helps give focus, coordination, and leadership to local and regional efforts to preserve and nurture America's folk cultural traditions. As a national coordinative center the Folklife Center provides information to the general public and offers consultant assistance to a national network of activities and undertakings. It also experiments with projects and approaches that can serve as models for others in the field, and undertakes inquiries into areas of governmental policy that have an effect upon American's folk cultural traditions. Its Archive of Folk Culture continues both to grow and to provide important services for researchers and the general public, and materials from the Archive continue to have a national impact through publications, radio, and television.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OVERSIGHT

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on House Administration received no oversight recommendations from the Committee on Government Operations.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

H.R. 4545 should not have any inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

In compliance with clause 2(l)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee sets forth, with respect to the bill, H.R. 4545, the following estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974:

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

1. Bill number: H.R. 4545.

2. Bill title: None.

3. Bill status: As ordered reported by the Committee on House Administration on August 7, 1986.

4. Bill purpose: The purpose of this bill is to authorize appropriations for the American Folklife Center for fiscal years 1987 through 1989. This bill is subject to subsequent appropriations action.

5. Estimated cost to the Federal Government:

(By fiscal year, in millions of dollars)

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Authorization level	0.87	0.92	0.98		
Estimated outlays	.71	.91	.97	.17	

The costs of this bill fall within function 500.

Basis of estimate.—This bill authorizes appropriations for the American Folklife Center for fiscal years 1987, 1988, and 1989. The authorization levels are stated in the bill. Outlay estimates were made assuming full appropriation of authorization levels, and continuation of the current spending pattern.

6. Estimated cost to State and local government: The Congressional Budget Office has determined that the budgets of state and local governments would not be directly affected as a result of the enactment of this bill.

7. Estimate comparison: None.

8. Previous CBO estimate: None.

9. Estimate prepared by: Ken Pott, Lynne Davidson.

10. Estimate approved by: C.G. Nuckols (for James L. Blum, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis).

Changes in Existing Law Made by the Bill, As Reported

In compliance with clause 3 of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

Section 8 of the American Folklife Preservation Act

AUTHORIZATION

SEC. 8. [(a)] There are authorized to be appropriated to the Center to carry out the provisions of this Act $133,500 for the fiscal year 1976 and for the period from July 1 through September 30, 1976, $295,000 for the fiscal year 1977, $349,000 for the fiscal year 1978, $685,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, $1,065,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, $1,355,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981, $740,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982, $890,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983, $990,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, $838,549 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, [and] $867,898 for the fiscal year ending September 30,

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1986, *$867,900 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, $919,974 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, and $975,172 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989.*

[(b) No amount authorized by subsection (a) of this section for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, or the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986, may be used for pay, benefits, or other expenses of any personnel position established after the date of the enactment of this subsection.]

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